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1. India-Pakistan

There have been no reports of major clashes along the cease-fire line so far today.

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In New Delhi, Shastri continues to push a hard line. He says that India has told U Thant that it will not allow any "peace-keeping force" on its territory. The new UN mission can only act as "observers." In a radio speech on Saturday, Indian President Radhakrishnan asserted that his country will not permit a plebiscite.

A member of Shastri's government has proposed to Ambassador Bowles that the US and USSR join together in mediating the dispute.

On the Pakistani side, Foreign Minister Bhutto told reporters today that Ayub wants to come to the US for conversations with President Johnson. A specific date was not mentioned.

The Karachi embassy reports that hostility toward the US is at an all-time high. However, in Rawalpindi, US officials say that the situation there is sufficiently stable to permit the return of some US dependents from Iran.

2. South Vietnam

Neutralist sentiment is growing among students in the northern city of Hue if the first issue of their new newspaper is a reliable indicator.

Neutrality was the theme of the lead editorial and the other articles. The paper maintained that the longer the war continues, the more the regimes in both the south and the north will lose their sovereignty as they become exhausted and the big powers take over.

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3. North Vietnam

Increased Chinese Communist shipments of steel materials into North Vietnam, presumably for the repair of bomb-damaged bridges and other structures, may be causing a steel shortage in the Canton area of South China.

A recent traveler to Canton returned with this story

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4. Dominican Republic

Garcia Godoy's coddling of the rebels is jeopardizing his support from the moderates as well as from the business community and the armed forces.

So far, Garcia Godoy has given in to leftist demands on several points: (a) he has replaced the president of the government-owned sugar corporation with Bosch's choice for the job; (b) he has permitted the takeover of Santo Domingo University by a Communist-influenced rump council; and, (c) he failed to make a strong stand against Bosch's return to the country on Saturday.

At the same time, Garcia Godoy is still hesitant in pressuring the rebels to dismantle and disband their zone. The net effect is to embolden the left and encourage it to increase its demands.

5. Malaysia

There is growing internal criticism of Prime Minister Tunku Rahman's leadership and talk that he is beginning to lose control.

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